BY SENATORS DUPRE AND ULLO AND REPRESENTATIVES BALDONE AND PITRE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the Comprehensive Master Plan for Coastal Protection, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

WHEREAS, Louisiana law, in R.S. 49:213.1 et seq., provides for the creation, duties, and responsibilities of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA" or "authority"); and

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the authority include the development of a state comprehensive master plan for coastal protection, including the addressing of hurricane protection and coastal restoration efforts from both short-term and long-range perspectives, and incorporating the structural, management, and institutional components of both efforts; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive master plan for coastal protection shall include but not be limited to a list of projects and programs required for the protection, conservation and restoration of the coastal area, and the action required of each state agency to implement said project or program, with a schedule and estimated cost for the implementation of each project or program included in the plan, all consistent with legislative intent and authority policy; and

WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:213.6, the comprehensive master plan for coastal protection adopted by the authority must be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the legislature may approve or disapprove of the comprehensive master plan for coastal protection by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; and

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WHEREAS, the authority shall implement the comprehensive master plan for coastal protection if the legislature approves such plan, or if the legislature fails to take action on such plan within sixty days after the plan is submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby approve the Comprehensive Master Plan for Coastal Protection, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

BEIT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its specific intent that such Comprehensive Master Plan for Coastal Protection include and maintain a secondary level of hurricane protection, and that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and other entities implementing such master plan extend coastal protection to include and protect the greatest number of coastal communities practicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES